

As a consumer, I do not understand the actions and intents of certain media groups to implement copy protection and forcibly attempt to destroy the computer industry as we know it. I have spent many years of my life studying and working on technology and I do not believe that any kind of government-regulated copy protection will work, and if it does, it will simply show that large media companies can do pretty much whatever they want with our government so long as they have money.

By attempting to eliminate new distrobution methods such as Peer to Peer networks the FCC will ensure that the old, outdated distrobution methods stay in power and large media companies will retain their monopolies. Most consumers agree that media companies have a firm polygopy over the consumer market.

You must also understand that implementing any kind of copy protection will not only render PC's as dumb media playing machines, but also cost consumers and small buisnesses billions to implement such DRM and TCPA measures. I understand that medias must be protected against profit loss, or else new media simply does not get produced. These actions will also turn most of the consumer public into criminals unless they implement what will most likely be an expensive DRM scheme.

I do not understand why large media companies want to completly cripple the computer industry to simply ensure future profit margins. They have it within their power to beat Peer to Peer networks as well as sell hardcopy media without the need for implementing wide-ranging and expensive DRM measures that will ultamatly fail and criminalize millions of citizens.

Just leave the computer industry alone for DRM. This much control over media is a bad, bad thing and with media companies attempting to expand their copyrighting powers, it can turn into something that another civil war can be faught over.

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